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**Special Division**

Re: In Re: Bruce Edward Babbitt; Division No. 98-1

Dear Mr. Langer:

Pursuant to your letter dated March 3, 2000, as counsel to Chris McNeil, Jr., we have the right to submit comments for possible inclusion in an appendix to Independent Counsel Bruce's Final Report ("Final Report") in the above-referenced matter. On behalf of Mr. McNeil, we submit the following comments for inclusion in the Final Report.

The Final Report states in a footnote in the section beginning at Page 255 that John Duffy testified that he recalled participating in a conference call with Secretary Bruce Babbitt, Senators Lieberman and Dodd and certain Mashantucket Pequot leaders regarding mediation processes in the Mashantucket Pequot land-in-trust matter. We would like the Final Report to note the following:

Mr. McNeil's recollection of the referenced conference call with Secretary Babbitt is that such call included not only those parties